

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 4.—John Morley announced to-day in the House of Commons his definite intention to introduce, February 6th, his fiscal amendments to the budget in reply to the speech from the throne, even if Premier Balfour is so inclined.

Previous to this announcement Home Secretary Alicks Douglas, in a brief speech, said that the government was willing to give facilities for an adequate discussion of the fiscal question if the amendments introduced by Mr. Morley were not those which issued from the opposition benches. Mr. Morley to carry out his original plan.

DISASTROUS FIRE IN STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

(By Associated Press.)

STAMFORD, CONN., Feb. 4.—Stamford Town Hall, one of the finest buildings of its class in the State, and most of its contents were destroyed by a tonight fire.

The building cost \$150,000, and the additional loss is estimated at \$50,000.

The postoffice and several stores, located in the grounds, were also saved.

The land records in the town clerk's office are safe, but there is uncertainty that the City and Probate Court records are intact, as the safes in which they had been kept, on the second floor, had been declared to be insecure.

Hon. J. N. Stubbs, of Gloucester, addressed the Joe Johnston Camp last night after the business session had concluded.

Miss W. A. Hill, of King William, is visiting Mrs. E. Grayson, of Seymour, N. Y.

394 West Fifth Street.

SPARE WOMEN AN ORDEAL

Proposes to Exempt Them From Public Testimony in Court.

Mr. Machen, of Alexandria, yesterday offered the Senate a bill that is of special interest at this time, and one practically sure of passage. It is a bill providing for taking the deposition of the defendant in cases of criminal assault upon women at a private hearing. The judge or a notary or commissioner shall select for the purpose a private place, and the judge or the attorney for the Commonwealth shall also be present. Such deposition shall be read to the jury instead of subjecting the woman to public questioning. The bill has been submitted to some of the best lawyers in the Senate and approved by them. It is intended to protect the woman who is a prisoner, and will spare the innocent victims of outrageous assaults the ordeal of facing a crowded court room while telling their shocking stories.

would be given the U. K. of the organization for the place in the Senate to be vacated by Lewis McComas. Carter, an excellent lawyer, of course, he is the counsel for Maryland of the Pennsylvania Railway Company, but he has never been in politics to an extent to justify a long-shot prophecy that he would go to the Senate.

The Carter men will believe until the crack of doom that Mr. Gorman, with the influence of the State organization behind him, could have elected Carter. The Smith people are already saying at the tops of their voices that Gorman broke his word and refused to give Smith the seat in the Senate, after having pledged to do so. The Rayner people have all along accused Mr. Gorman with having broken faith with their man, though it is not believed that the senator ever promised Rayner that he should be made

McKee's Club at Pembroke, Kentucky. C. H. Fort, president of the Tobacco Growers' Association of Robinson county, Tennessee. P. Warfield, president of the Tobacco Board of Chalkville, Tennessee. L. E. Cooper, of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, and others.

The arguments presented were to the effect that if the farmer and the party buying from him were permitted to sell, at a normal and twisted tobacco without the payment of the six cents per pound tax, it would open a new market and stimulate competition in the product. The farmers' speaker brought out the fact that the tobacco trust now has the market cornered so that there is absolutely no chance for a farmer to sell his tobacco unless he is compelled to accept whatever price is offered.

It is plainly, they said, a fight of the farmers of the country against the tobacco trust, the farmers with their allies, the imperial Tobacco Company, of England, and the "crowned heads of Europe, composing what is known as the Reigate Contract."

Russian Reply Forwarded.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—The Russian reply to Japan was forwarded to Viceroy Alexieff, if he approves, so that it may reach the Tokyo government on Monday.

men are preparing to send their families to Shanghai.

Every steamer from Japan, it is said, conveys to Korea many Japanese officers and soldiers in disguise, and their presence in such numbers is regarded by the Russians as being a secret occupation of Korea.

Complete Neutrality.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, Feb. 4.—Regarding the movements of the American Asiatic fleet, which is now in Philippine waters, it can be stated that no decision has been reached except the irrevocable one that the fleet shall make no move which can possibly be construed as a departure from the Washington government's policy of "complete neutrality in the Far East."

Returns to Port Arthur.

(By Associated Press.)

PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 4.—The Russian fleet returned here at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The fleet, under the command of Admiral Rozhanski, consisted of the battleship, the cruiser, the torpedo boat, and the minesweeper. It is reported that its maneuvering off the harbor was taken up on February 2d. It is said that it was manœvering in the harbor against Japanese warships off Wei-Hai-

The quarantine against the Foo has been annulled.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Simmons introduced a bill to-day to authorize the permanent establishment of an immigration control station at the information and display bureau on Ellis Island for the purpose of aiding in the distribution of immigrants.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Ruth Pease.

Mrs. Ruth Pease, wife of Mr. Frederick Pease, died at the Virginia Hospital at 10:45 o'clock. She went to that hospital to go through an operation, but the trouble with which she was suffering had advanced so far that nothing could be done.

She was an estimable lady, beloved by all who knew her. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Mrs. Pease was sixty-eight years old. Last June she celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of her marriage. She leaves one son and two daughters.—Messrs. J. M. Pease & Sons of Berkeley; Dennis G. Pease, of Pease, of Richmond; Rev. B. H. Pease, of Roanoke; Mrs. George H. Leigh and Mrs. Ruth V. Peers, of Richmond. The remains were taken to the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. George

Isaac Sheetz.
(Special To The Times-Dispatch.)
WOODSTOCK, Va., Feb. 4.—Mr. Isaac
Sheetz, of Calvary, Shenandoah county,
died last night. He was a prominent
farmer and one of the oldest men in the
county, having passed his eightieth year
age. His widow survives him.

DEATHS.

HUNLEY.—Died at his residence in
Mathews county, Thursday, Feb. 9, 1894,
after a brief illness of pneumonia.
Dr. J. H. HUNLEY, aged about fifty
years.
Funeral arrangements not announced.

Dwyer.—Died, at the residence of his
brother, J. Loutchman Street, February 4,
1894, JOHN C. DWYER, son of the late Cor-
nellius and Julia G. Dwyer.
The funeral will take place from St. Pa-
trick's Church at FIVE O'CLOCK MORNING at 10
o'clock with requiem mass.
New York, New Brunswick (N. J.), Por-
smouth (Va.) papers please copy.

Dwyer.—Died, at the residence of her
husband in Fulton, MARY C., beloved wife
of Lawrence C. Dwyer, at St. Patrick's Church SAT-
URDAY, Feb. 4, 1894, at 10 A. M., with requiem mass.
Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.